# FISH AWILDLIFE SERVICE

## Department of the Interior U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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#### Federal Fish and Wildlife Permit Application Form

**Return to:** Division of Management Authority (DMA) U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 700 Arlington, VA 22203 1-800-358-2104 or 703-358-2104

Type of Activity: Retrospective Document (CITES), Supplemental Application

Retrospective documents are CITES documents that are issued after an activity has already taken place. **In addition to** the information requested in this supplemental form, complete and submit the 3-200 form that is appropriate to your activity (see http://forms.fws.gov). You need to submit the processing fee as indicated on the appropriate application.

Why are you requesting a CITES document after the item(s) has already been exported or introduced from the sea?
Do you own the item(s) If no, who does own the item(s)?
Did you contact any government officials or agencies prior to the export/re-export, import, or introduction from the sea? If yes, who or what office did you contact and when did you contact them?
Was the item(s) hand-carried from the United States? By you? By someone else?
If by someone else, who (include relationship to you)?
When was the specimen(s) exported from the United States or introduced from the sea?
Where is the specimen(s) now?
Have you had any correspondence with the shipper, the importing country's CITES Management Authority, or others involved in the export/re-export or introduction from the sea?
What is your intended use of the specimen(s) that were exported/re-exported or introduced from the sea?

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### PERMIT APPLICATION FORM INSTRUCTIONS

The following instructions pertain to the standard Permit Form 3-200 that must be completed as an application for a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or CITES permit. The General Permit Procedures in 50 CFR 13 address the permitting process. For simplification, all licenses, permits, registrations, and certificates will be referred to as a permit.

- Complete all appropriate blocks/lines/questions. **Print clearly or type in the information**. A complete application prevents delays. Incomplete applications may be returned.
- Sign the application in <u>blue</u> ink and send the original to the address at the top of the application. Faxes or copies of the original signature will not be accepted.
- Please plan ahead. Allow at least 45 days for your application to be processed (50 CFR 13.11). Some applications may take longer than 90 days to process. Applications are processed in the order they are received.
- Additional forms and instructions are available from either <a href="http://permits.fws.gov/">http://permits.fws.gov/</a> **OR** for DMA forms only, from the automated facsimile (FAX) system by calling 800-770-0150 or 703-358-2348.

Most of the application form is self-explanatory, but the following provides some assistance for completing the form.

#### APPLICATION FOR A FEDERAL FISH AND WILDLIFE PERMIT

#### **Paperwork Reduction Act and the Privacy Act – Notices**

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) and the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), please be advised that:

- 1. The gathering of information on fish and wildlife is authorized by:
  - a. Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668), <u>Title 50 Part 22 of the Code of Federal Regulations</u> (CFR);
  - b. Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1544), Title 50 CFR Part 17;
  - c. Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703-712), Title 50 CFR Part 21;
  - d. Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1361, et. seq.), Title 50 CFR Part 18;
  - e. Wild Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4901-4916), Title 50 CFR Part 15;
  - f. Lacey Act (18 U.S.C. 42); Injurious Wildlife, <u>Title 50 CFR Part 16</u>;
  - g. Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (TIAS 8249); Title 50 CFR Part 23.
  - h. General Provisions, <u>Title 50 CFR Part 10</u>;
  - i. General Permit Procedures, Title 50 CFR Part 13; and
  - i. Wildlife (Import/export/transport), Title 50 CFR Part 14.
- 2. Information requested in this form is purely voluntary. However, submission of requested information is required in order to process applications for permits authorized under the above laws. Failure to provide all requested information may be sufficient cause for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to deny the request. Response is not required unless a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number is displayed.
- 3. Certain applications for permits authorized under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1539) and the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1374) will be published in the **Federal Register** as required by the two laws.
- 4. Routine use disclosures outside the Department of the Interior may be made without the consent of an individual if the disclosure is compatible with the purposes for which the record was collected. (Ref. 68 FR 52611, September 4, 2003) Disclosures outside the DOI may be made under the routine uses listed below without the consent of the individual if the disclosure is compatible with the purposes for which the record was collected.

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- a. To subject matter experts, and State, Federal, local, and foreign agencies, for the purpose of obtaining advice relevant to making a decision on an application for a permit or when necessary to accomplish a FWS function related to this system of records.
- b. To the public as a result of publishing Federal Register notices announcing the receipt of permit applications for public comment or notice of the decision on a permit application.
- c. To Federal, State, local, or foreign wildlife and plant agencies for the exchange of information on permits granted or denied to assure compliance with all applicable permitting requirements.
- d. To Captive-bred Wildlife registrants under the Endangered Species Act for the exchange of authorized species, and to share information on the captive breeding of these species.
- e. To Federal, State, and local authorities who need to know who is permitted to receive and rehabilitate sick, orphaned, and injured birds under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act; federally permitted rehabilitators; individuals seeking a permitted rehabilitator with whom to place a sick, injured, or orphaned bird in need of care; and licensed veterinarians who receive, treat, or diagnose sick, orphaned, and injured birds.
- f. To the Department of Justice (DOJ), or a court, adjudicative, or other administrative body or to a party in litigation before a court or adjudicative or administrative body, under certain circumstances;
- g. To the appropriate Federal, State, tribal, local, or foreign governmental agency responsible for investigating, prosecuting, enforcing, or implementing statutes, rules, or licenses, when we become aware of a violation or potential violation of such statutes, rules, or licenses, or when we need to monitor activities associated with a permit or regulated use.
- h. To a congressional office in response to an inquiry to the office by the individual to whom the record pertains.
- i. To the General Accounting Office or Congress when the information is required for the evaluation of the permit programs.
- j. To provide addresses obtained from the Internal Revenue Service to debt collection agencies for purposes of locating a debtor to collect or compromise a Federal claim against the debtor, or to consumer reporting agencies to prepare a commercial credit report for use by the FWS.
- 5. For individuals, personal information such as home address and telephone number, financial data, and personal identifiers (social security number, birth date, etc.) will be removed prior to any release of the application.
- 6. The public reporting burden on the applicant for this information collection varies depending on the activity for which a permit is requested. The relevant burden for this permit application is 15 minutes. This burden estimate includes time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data and completing and reviewing the form. You may direct comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the form to the Service Information Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Mail Stop 222, Arlington Square, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington D.C. 20240.

#### **Freedom of Information Act – Notice**

For organizations, businesses, or individuals operating as a business (*i.e.*, permittees not covered by the Privacy Act), we request that you identify any information that should be considered privileged and confidential business information to allow the Service to meet its responsibilities under FOIA. Confidential business information must be clearly marked "Business Confidential" at the top of the letter or page and each succeeding page and must be accompanied by a non-confidential summary of the confidential information. The non-confidential summary and remaining documents may be made available to the public under FOIA [43 CFR 2.13(c)(4), 43 CFR 2.15(d)(1)(i)].

#### **Application Processing Fee**

There is no application fee for submitting this form as this is a supplemental form. The applicant does need to submit the application processing fee as indicated on the appropriate application specific to the activity being requested. **In addition to** the information requested in this supplemental form, complete and submit the 3-200 application form that is appropriate to your activity (see <a href="http://forms.fws.gov">http://forms.fws.gov</a>).

#### PERMIT PROCEDURES -- EXCERPTS FROM 50 CFR 13

#### § 13.21 Issuance of permits.

- (a) No permit may be issued prior to the receipt of a written application therefor, unless a written variation from the requirements, as authorized by Sec. 13.4, is inserted into the official file of the Bureau. An oral or written representation of an employee or agent of the United States Government, or an action of such employee or agent, shall not be construed as a permit unless it meets the requirements of a permit as defined in 50 CFR 10.12.
- (b) Upon receipt of a properly executed application for a permit, the Director shall issue the appropriate permit unless:
- (1) The applicant has been assessed a civil penalty or convicted of any criminal provision of any statute or regulation relating to the activity for which the application is filed, if such assessment or conviction evidences a lack of responsibility.
- (2) The applicant has failed to disclose material information required, or has made false statements as to any material fact, in connection with his application;
- (3) The applicant has failed to demonstrate a valid justification for the permit and a showing of responsibility;
  - (4) The authorization requested potentially threatens a wildlife or plant population, or
- (5) The Director finds through further inquiry or investigation, or otherwise, that the applicant is not qualified.
- (c) Disqualifying factors. Any one of the following will disqualify a person from receiving permits issued under this part.
- (1) A conviction, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, for a felony violation of the Lacey Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, or the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act disqualifies any such person from receiving or exercising the privileges of a permit, unless such disqualification has been expressly waived by the Director in response to a written petition.
- (2) The revocation of a permit for reasons found in Sec. 13.28 (a)(1) or (a)(2) disqualifies any such person from receiving or exercising the privileges of a similar permit for a period of five years from the date of the final agency decision on such revocation.
- (3) The failure to pay any required fees or assessed costs and penalties, whether or not reduced to judgement disqualifies such person from receiving or exercising the privileges of a permit as long as such moneys are owed to the United States. This requirement shall not apply to any civil penalty presently subject to administrative or judicial appeal; provided that the pendency of a collection action brought by the United States or its assignees shall not constitute an appeal within the meaning of this subsection.
- (4) The failure to submit timely, accurate, or valid reports as required may disqualify such person from receiving or exercising the privileges of a permit as long as the deficiency exists.
- (d) Use of supplemental information. The issuing officer, in making a determination under this subsection, may use any information available that is relevant to the issue. This may include any prior conviction, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, or assessment of civil or criminal penalty for a violation of any Federal or State law or regulation governing the permitted activity. It may also include any prior permit revocations or suspensions, or any reports of State or local officials. The issuing officer shall consider all relevant facts or information available, and may make independent inquiry or investigation to verify information or substantiate qualifications asserted by the applicant.
- (e) Conditions of issuance and acceptance. (1) Any permit automatically incorporates within its terms the conditions and requirements of subpart D of this part and of any part(s) or section(s) specifically authorizing or governing the activity for which the permit is issued. (2) Any person accepting and holding a permit under this subchapter B acknowledges the necessity for close regulation and monitoring of the permitted activity by the Government. By accepting such permit, the permittee consents to and shall allow entry by agents or employees of the Service upon premises where the permitted activity is conducted at any reasonable hour. Service agents or employees may enter such premises to inspect the location; any books, records, or permits required to be kept by this subchapter B; and any wildlife or plants kept under authority of the permit.

- (f) Term of permit. Unless otherwise modified, a permit is valid during the period specified on the face of the permit. Such period shall include the effective date and the date of expiration.
- (g) Denial. The issuing officer may deny a permit to any applicant who fails to meet the issuance criteria set forth in this section or in the part(s) or section(s) specifically governing the activity for which the permit is requested.

#### § 13.22 Renewal of permits.

- (a) Application for renewal. Applicants for renewal of a permit must submit a written application at least 30 days prior to the expiration date of the permit. Applicants must certify in the form required by § 13.12(a)(5) that all statements and information in the original application remain current and correct, unless previously changed or corrected. If such information is no longer current or correct, the applicant must provide corrected information.
- (b) *Renewal criteria*. The Service shall issue a renewal of a permit if the applicant meets the criteria for issuance in § 13.21(b) and is not disqualified under § 13.21(c).
- (c) Continuation of permitted activity. Any person holding a valid, renewable permit, who has complied with this section, may continue the activities authorized by the expired permit until the Service has acted on such person's application for renewal.
- (d) *Denial*. The issuing officer may deny renewal of a permit to any applicant who fails to meet the issuance criteria set forth in § 13.21 of this part, or in the part(s) or section(s) specifically governing the activity for which the renewal is requested.

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#### § 13.23 Amendment of permits.

- (a) *Permittee's request*. Where circumstances have changed so that a permittee desires to have any condition of his permit modified, such permittee must submit a full written justification and supporting information in conformity with this part and the part under which the permit was issued.
- (b) *Service reservation*. The Service reserves the right to amend any permit for just cause at any time during its term, upon written finding of necessity.
- (c) Change of name or address. A permittee is not required to obtain a new permit if there is a change in the legal individual or business name, or in the mailing address of the permittee. A permittee is required to notify the issuing office within 10 calendar days of such change. This provision does not authorize any change in location of the conduct of the permitted activity when approval of the location is a qualifying condition of the permit.

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#### § 13.24 Right of succession by certain persons.

- (a) Certain persons, other than the permittee are granted the right to carry on a permitted activity for the remainder of the term of a current permit provided they comply with the provisions of paragraph (b) of this section. Such persons are the following:
- (1) The surviving spouse, child, executor, administrator, or other legal representative of a deceased permittee; and
  - (2) A receiver or trustee in bankruptcy or a court designated assignee for the benefit of creditors.
- (b) In order to secure the right provided in this section the person or persons desiring to continue the activity shall furnish the permit to the issuing officer for endorsement within 90 days from the date the successor begins to carry on the activity.

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### § 13.25 Permits not transferable; agents.

- (a) Permits issued under this part are not transferable or assignable. Some permits authorize certain activities in connection with a business or commercial enterprise and in the event of any lease, sale, or transfer of such business entity, the successor must obtain a permit prior to continuing the permitted activity. However, certain limited rights of succession are provided in § 13.24.
- (b) Except as otherwise stated on the face of the permit, any person who is under the direct control of the permittee, or who is employed by or under contract to the permittee for purposes authorized by the permit, may carry out the activity authorized by the permit, as an agent for the permittee.

#### § 13.26 Discontinuance of permit activity.

When a permittee, or any successor to a permittee as provided for by § 13.24, discontinues activities authorized by a permit, the permittee shall within 30 calendar days of the discontinuance return the permit to the issuing office together with a written statement surrendering the permit for cancellation. The permit shall be deemed void and canceled upon its receipt by the issuing office. No refund of any fees paid for issuance of the permit or for any other fees or costs associated with a permitted activity shall be made when a permit is surrendered for cancellation for any reason prior to the expiration date stated on the face of the permit.

[54 FR 38149, Sept. 14, 1989]

#### § 13.27 Permit suspension.

- (a) *Criteria for suspension*. The privileges of exercising some or all of the permit authority may be suspended at any time if the permittee is not in compliance with the conditions of the permit, or with any applicable laws or regulations governing the conduct of the permitted activity. The issuing officer may also suspend all or part of the privileges authorized by a permit if the permittee fails to pay any fees, penalties or costs owed to the Government. Such suspension shall remain in effect until the issuing officer determines that the permittee has corrected the deficiencies.
- (b) *Procedure for suspension*. (1) When the issuing officer believes there are valid grounds for suspending a permit the permittee shall be notified in writing of the proposed suspension by certified or registered mail. This notice shall identify the permit to be suspended, the reason(s) for such suspension, the actions necessary to correct the deficiencies, and inform the permittee of the right to object to the proposed suspension. The issuing officer may amend any notice of suspension at any time.
- (2) Upon receipt of a notice of proposed suspension the permittee may file a written objection to the proposed action. Such objection must be in writing, must be filed within 45 calendar days of the date of the notice of proposal, must state the reasons why the permittee objects to the proposed suspension, and may include supporting documentation.
- (3) A decision on the suspension shall be made within 45 days after the end of the objection period. The issuing officer shall notify the permittee in writing of the Service's decision and the reasons therefore. The issuing officer shall also provide the applicant with the information concerning the right to request reconsideration of the decision under § 13.29 of this part and the procedures for requesting reconsideration.

#### § 13.28 Permit revocation.

- (a) Criteria for revocation. A permit may be revoked for any of the following reasons:
- (1) The permittee willfully violates any Federal or State statute or regulation, or any Indian tribal law or regulation, or any law or regulation of any foreign country, which involves a violation of the conditions of the permit or of the laws or regulations governing the permitted activity; or
  - (2) The permittee fails within 60 days to correct deficiencies that were the cause of a permit suspension; or
  - (3) The permittee becomes disqualified under

#### § 13.21(c) of this part; or

- (4) A change occurs in the statute or regulation authorizing the permit that prohibits the continuation of a permit issued by the Service; or
- (5) The population(s) of the wildlife or plant that is subject of the permit declines to the extent that continuation of the permitted activity would be detrimental to maintenance or recovery of the affected population.
- (b) *Procedure for revocation*. (1) When the issuing officer believes there are valid grounds for revoking a permit, the permittee shall be notified in writing of the proposed revocation by certified or registered mail. This notice shall identify the permit to be revoked, the reason(s) for such revocation, the proposed disposition of the wildlife, if any, and inform the permittee of the right to object to the proposed revocation. The issuing officer may amend any notice of revocation at any time.
- (2) Upon receipt of a notice of proposed revocation the permittee may file a written objection to the proposed action. Such objection must be in writing, must be filed within 45 calendar days of the date of the notice of proposal, must state the reasons why the permittee objects to the proposed revocation, and may include supporting documentation.
- (3) A decision on the revocation shall be made within 45 days after the end of the objection period. The issuing officer shall notify the permittee in writing of the Service's decision and the reasons therefore, together with the information concerning the right to request and the procedures for requesting reconsideration.
- (4) Unless a permittee files a timely request for reconsideration, any wildlife held under authority of a permit that is revoked must be disposed of in accordance with instructions of the issuing officer. If a permittee files a timely request for reconsideration of a proposed revocation, such permittee may retain possession of any wildlife held under authority of the permit until final disposition of the appeal process.

#### § 13.42 Permits are specific.

The authorizations on the face of a permit which set forth specific times, dates, places, methods of taking, numbers and kinds of wildlife or plants, location of activity, authorize certain circumscribed transactions, or otherwise permit a specifically limited matter, are to be strictly construed and shall not be interpreted to permit similar or related matters outside the scope of strict construction.

[39 FR 1161, Jan. 4, 1974, as amended at 42 FR 32377, June 24, 1977]

#### § 13.43 Alteration of permits.

Permits shall not be altered, erased, or mutilated, and any permit which has been altered, erased, or mutilated shall immediately become invalid. Unless specifically permitted on the face thereof, no permit shall be copied, nor shall any copy of a permit issued pursuant to this subchapter B be displayed, offered for inspection, or otherwise used for any official purpose for which the permit was issued.

#### § 13.44 Display of permit.

Any permit issued under this part shall be displayed for inspection upon request to the Director or his agent, or to any other person relying upon its existence.

#### § 13.45 Filing of reports.

Permittees may be required to file reports of the activities conducted under the permit. Any such reports shall be filed not later than March 31 for the preceding calendar year ending December 31, or any portion thereof, during which a permit was in force, unless the regulations of this subchapter B or the provisions of the permit set forth other reporting requirements.

#### § 13.46 Maintenance of records.

From the date of issuance of the permit, the permittee shall maintain complete and accurate records of any taking, possession, transportation, sale, purchase, barter, exportation, or importation of plants obtained from the wild (excluding seeds) or wildlife pursuant to such permit. Such records shall be kept current and shall include names and addresses of persons with whom any plant obtained from the wild (excluding seeds) or wildlife has been purchased, sold, bartered, or otherwise transferred, and the date of such transaction, and such other information as may be required or appropriate. Such records shall be legibly written or reproducible in English and shall be maintained for five years from the date of expiration of the permit.

[39 FR 1161, Jan. 4, 1974, as amended at 42 FR 32377, June 24, 1977; 54 FR 38150, Sept. 14, 1989]

#### § 13.47 Inspection requirement.

Any person holding a permit under this subchapter B shall allow the Director's agent to enter his premises at any reasonable hour to inspect any wildlife or plant held or to inspect, audit, or copy any permits, books, or records required to be kept by regulations of this subchapter B.

[39 FR 1161, Jan. 4, 1974, as amended at 42 FR 32377, June 24, 1977]

#### § 13.48 Compliance with conditions of permit.

Any person holding a permit under subchapter B and any person acting under authority of such permit must comply with all conditions of the permit and with all applicable laws and regulations governing the permitted activity.

[54 FR 38150, Sept. 14, 1989]

#### § 13.49 Surrender of permit.

Any person holding a permit under subchapter B shall surrender such permit to the issuing officer upon notification that the permit has been suspended or revoked by the Service, and all appeal procedures have been exhausted.

[54 FR 38150, Sept. 14, 1989]

§ 13.50 Acceptance of liability.

Any person holding a permit under subchapter B assumes all liability and responsibility for the conduct of any activity conducted under the authority of such permit.

[54 FR 38150, Sept. 14, 1989]